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SUBJECT: 1. REPORTED PRESENCE OF CUBAN OFFICIALS IN GUATEMALA
2. REPORTED PLANS OF THE REBEL ARMED FORCES TO
ASSASSINATE U.S. OFFICIALS IN GUATEMALA

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1. DURING A MEETING WITH LEADERS OF THE GUATEMALAN COMMUNIST PARTY (PGT) IN EARLY MARCH 1968, HUBERTO ALVARADO ORELLANO, AKA "GIL", MEMBER OF THE POLITICAL COMMISSION OF THE PGT, WAS ASKED IF RUMORS REGARDING THE PRESENCE OF CUBAN GUERRILLA INSTRUCTORS IN GUATEMALA WERE TRUE. ALVARADO ANSWERED THAT THE RUMORS ARE TRUE. HE ADDED THAT THE MATTER OF CUBAN INTERFERENCE IN GUATEMALA

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WAS DISCUSSED RECENTLY WITH SOVIET OFFICIALS WHEN A PGT DELEGATE TRAVELLED TO THE USSR. ALVARADO SAID THAT SOVIET OFFICIALS WERE DISPLEASED WHEN THEY LEARNED OF CUBAN PRESENCE IN GUATEMALA, AND THE PGT HOPES THAT CUBA WILL RESPOND TO SOVIET PRESSURE AND RECALL ITS PEOPLE FROM GUATEMALA. ALVARADO REMARKED, HOWEVER, THAT THE CUBANS ARE STILL IN GUATEMALA AT THE PRESENT TIME. (FIELD COMMENT: THE PGT DELEGATE PROBABLY REFERS TO ALVARADO, WHO TRAVELLED TO THE USSR TO ATTEND THE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BOLSHEVIK REVOLUTION IN NOVEMBER 1967. SEE [REDACTED])

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[REDACTED] INFORMATION REGARDING THE PRESENCE OF CUBAN INSTRUCTORS IN GUATEMALA HAS BEEN REPORTED BY SOURCES WITHIN THE PGT AND THE REBEL ARMED FORCES (FAR). [REDACTED]

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IT IS BELIEVED THAT ALVARADO IS SOMEWHAT OPTIMISTIC REGARDING POSSIBLE CUBAN RESPONSE TO SOVIET PRESSURE TO WITHDRAW THE CUBANS FROM GUATEMALA.)

2. ALVARADO WAS ALSO QUESTIONED REGARDING RUMORS THAT THE FAR PLANS TO CARRY OUT WIDESPREAD ACTS OF VIOLENCE IN THE NEAR FUTURE. ALVARADO ANSWERED THAT "CAMILO" AND HIS GROUP ARE BRAGGING THAT THEY WILL CARRY OUT A CAMPAIGN OF SABOTAGE

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AND VIOLENCE, INCLUDING THE ASSASSINATION OF U.S. PERSONNEL AND GUATEMALAN ARMY OFFICERS, BUT THAT THE PGT DOUBTS THE FAR HAS THE NECESSARY CAPABILITIES TO CARRY OUT SUCH A CAMPAIGN. HOWEVER, ALVARADO ADMITTED THAT THE FAR DOES HAVE SOME WELL-TRAINED MEN FOR USE IN SUCH A CAMPAIGN. HE MENTIONED THAT THE FAR HAS ACQUIRED SOME FORMER PGT MEMBERS, WHO WERE SENT TO CUBA FOR TRAINING AND WHO SWITCHED TO THE FAR WHEN THE TWO REVOLUTIONARY ORGANIZATIONS SEPARATED. ALVARADO SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED ALFREDO DE JESUS MAYEN ALFARO AS BEING IN THIS

CATEGORY. [REDACTED] COMMENT: "CAMILO" IS THE PSEUDONYM OF CARLOS FRANCISCO ORDONEZ MONTEAGUDO, GUERRILLA LEADER OF THE FAR. IT IS BELIEVED THAT THE FAR HAS THE NECESSARY MEN AND WEAPONS TO CARRY OUT AN EXTENSIVE, ALTHOUGH PERHAPS NOT SUSTAINED, CAMPAIGN OF VIOLENCE IN GUATEMALA CITY. IT HAS BEEN REPORTED THAT THE FAR IS PLANNING TO CARRY OUT ITS CAMPAIGN OF VIOLENCE IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO THE INITIATION OF GUERRILLA WARFARE OPERATIONS IN RURAL GUATEMALA. SEE

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